

EC-2681. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to a list of commodities and services to be furnished, received on July 29, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2682. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Secretary's Management Report for fiscal year 1997 under the Inspector General Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2683. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report on Final Actions for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2684. A communication from the Executive Director, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to operating and capital budget books for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2685. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Health, United States, 1996-97"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2686. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, U.S. Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to direct grant programs (RIN1880-AA76), received on July 25, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2687. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy Food and Drug Administration, Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule relative to changes to approved applications, received on July 30, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2688. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy Food and Drug Administration, Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule relative to paper and paperboard components, received on July 30, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2689. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule relative to adjuvants, production aids, and sanitizers, received on July 30, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2690. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy Food and Drug Administration, Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule relative to revocation of certain regulations (RIN0910-AA54), received on July 30, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2691. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy Food and Drug Administration, Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule relative to indirect food additives, received on July 30, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2692. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy Food and Drug Administration, Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule relative to

adhesives and components of coatings, received on July 30, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2693. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, U.S. Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to longshoring and marine terminals (RIN1218-AA56), received on July 27, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2694. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule relative to the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement, received on July 29, 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2695. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to training military medical personnel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2696. A communication from the Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a modification of the cost comparison study; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2697. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, information relative to cost comparison; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2698. A communication from the Acting Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to military base realignment and closure; to the Committee on Armed Services.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 399. A bill to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to establish the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution to conduct environmental conflict resolution and training, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-60).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 414. A bill to amend the Shipping Act of 1984 to encourage competition in international shipping and growth of United States imports and exports, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-61).

By Mr. WARNER, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, without amendment:

S. Res. 110. A bill to permit an individual with a disability with access to the Senate floor to bring necessary supporting aids and services.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Frank M. Hull, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Joseph F. Bataillon, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.

Robert Charles Chambers, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia.

Christopher Droney, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

Janet C. Hall, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

Sharon J. Zealey, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

James Allan Hurd, Jr., of the Virgin Islands, to be United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands for the term of four years.

Sophia H. Hall, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2002. (Reappointment)

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs:

James H. Atkins, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2000. (Reappointment)

George A. Omas, of Mississippi, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2000.

Janice R. Lachance, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 1094. A bill to authorize the use of certain public housing operating funds to provide tenant-based assistance to public housing residents; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1095. A bill to enhance the administrative authority of the respective presidents of Haskell Indian Nations University and the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. KERREY (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1096. A bill to restructure the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself and Mr. D'AMATO):

S. 1097. A bill to reduce acid deposition under the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1098. A bill to provide for the debarment or suspension from Federal procurement and nonprocurement activities of persons that violate certain labor and safety laws; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):